

II. REMARKS

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to improve punctuation and grammar, and not for a reason related to patentability. The present amendment has no further limiting effect on the scope of the present claims.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

The Examiner requires restriction of the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of separating an endo isomer and an exo isomer of a general formula (1) or (2) with a basic compound and a solvent; and

Group II: Claims 18 and 19, drawn to the endo isomer and the exo isomer of formula (1) or (2).

The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct from each other because they do not relate to a single general inventive concept under Rule 13.1 because, under Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-17, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants' election is made without traverse. However, Applicants contend that because non-elected claims 18 and 19 are dependent upon independent claim 1, they should be rejoined with the allowed claims when claim 1 is allowed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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